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SUBJECT: LAW OF SEA

1. AT LUNCHEON WITH AMBASSADOR SEPT 16, FOLLOWING POINTS
WERE MADE BY FERNANDO ZEGERS, CHIEF OF CHILE'S DELEGATION
TO CARACAS LOS CONFERENCE, WHO CONTINUES TO WORK FULL
TIME ON SUBJECT IN FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. ZEGERS SOLICITED MUTUAL COMPROMISES AMONG INTERESTED
COUNTRIES ON SUBJECTS OF STRAITS, 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE,
AND SEABEDS IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT OVERALL AGREEMENT.

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3. STRAITS: CONCEDED US AND OTHER SEA POWERS' LEGITIMATE
INTEREST IN FREE PASSAGE FOR WARSHIPS, WHICH, HOWEVER,

MIGHT BE LIMITED BY COASTAL STATES' RIGHT, FOR EXAMPLE, OF POLLUTION CONTROL. SAID THERE WOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY AS REGARDS STRAITS OF MAGELLAN ALTHOUGH INNER CHANNELS ALONG SOUTHERN CHILEAN COAST WERE ANOTHER MATTER. NUB OF THIS PROBLEM WAS SPECIAL INTEREST OF COASTAL STATES RE STRAIT OF GIBRALTAR, MALACCA, AND IN RED SEA, AND HE HOPED THESE STATES COULD BE BROUGHT TO A REASONABLE AGREEMENT.

4. ECONOMIC ZONE" PLEASSED BY US MOVE TO POSITION IN LINE WITH GOC. THOUGHT 200-MILE ZONE WOULD BE ACHIEVED, ALTHOUGH RIGHTS OF COASTAL STATES MUST BE CAREFULLY DEFINED. CHILE DID NOT SUBSCRIBE TO 200-MILE SOVEREIGNTY AND HAD MODERATE VIEWS ON COASTAL STATE PREROGATIVES.

5. SEABED: FRANKLY ALIGNED GOC WITH LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES' INTERESTS IN REGULATION OF SEABED EXPLOITATION TO ENSURE THEIR SHARE OF BENEFITS. MADE IT CLEAR CHILE WAS INTERESTED ABOVE ALL IN POSSIBLE COMPETITION OFFERED TO CHILEAN COPPER BY COPPER FROM SEABED, AND EXPOUNDED ON POSSIBILITY OF A STRONG INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY WHICH WOULD LIMIT SEABED MINERAL PRODUCTION TO INCREMENTAL NEEDS OF AN EXPANDING WORLD ECONOMY. MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES THROUGH PROPER FORMULATION OF A LICENSING SYSTEM WITH PROTECTIVE PROVISIONS FOR PRESENT RAW MATERIALS PRODUCERS.

6. ZEGERS WAS SKEPTICAL OF SINCERE SOVIET INTEREST IN CONCLUDING OVERALL AGREEMENT, EXCEPT THAT USSR NOW WANTS PASSAGE THROUGH STRAITS FOR ITS EXPANDED NAVY. THOUGHT SEVERAL EEC COUNTRIES (UK, FRANCE, GERMANY) WERE NOT REALLY IN FAVOR OF AGREEMENT, AND THAT PERU AND ECUADOR, IN CONTRAST TO BRAZIL, FOR INTERNAL REASONS WOULD NOT SIGN AND RATIFY FINAL AGREEMENT BECAUSE OF THEIR COMMITMENTS RE 200-MILE SOVEREIGNTY.
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